Amendments to the Specification

Please add the following new heading before paragraph [0001]:

BACKGROUND

Please add the following new heading before paragraph [0002]:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace paragraph [0002] with the following amended paragraph:

[0002] Torque transmission devices of this kind are known in particular for fixed-ratio automatic transmissions. ~~The~~ An object of the present invention is to improve the damping action of devices of this kind, the intention being for the rotational inertia and weight to correspond to those of related-art torque transmission devices, and for the dimensions, in particular the axial length, not to be increased in comparison to related-art torque transmission devices.

Please replace paragraph [0003] with the following amended paragraph:

[0003] ~~This objective is achieved by~~ The present invention provides a torque transmission device in which the converter lockup clutch includes a flange that is connected by force-locking to the housing or the impeller, that is mounted between the impeller and the turbine, and that is connectable in a frictionally engaged manner by a coupling to the turbine. A connection is understood here to be both a direct connection as well as a connection that is produced, for example, via other, in particular, resilient elements. In this context, the other elements may be rigid or flexible. The flange may preferably be designed to be continuous, however a discontinuous flange is also conceivable. The flange is positioned in the axial direction between the turbine and the impeller. The possibility of having a frictionally engaged connection between the flange and the turbine means that, in a first operating position, both are substantially locked together in a torsionally fixed manner, up to a limiting torque; in a second position, both are able to rotate freely relative to each other.

Please add the following new heading before paragraph [0017]:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS